



KALIHI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 16

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006 KALIHI VALLEY DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bill Woods-Bateman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Woods-Bateman, Lance Bateman, Jory Watland, Anthony De Campo, Lisa Mitchell, Kanoa Bristol, Chester Koga, Wilton Ching, Merry Balatico

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Lisa Ginoza (Governor Linda Lingle's representative, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General), Edgar Fernandez (Representative Dennis Arakaki Staff); Ken Nakamatsu (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative); Dennis Galolo (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff), Al Canopin (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff), Maxine Shea (Senator Donna Mercado Kim's Staff); Sgt. Michael Clark (Honolulu Police Department), Hazel Murakami, Pascual Dabis, Ed Rodrigues Sr., Joey Manahan (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD)- Sgt. Clark reported the following: 1) Due to a computer error, the monthly statistics will not be available, however they will be made available at the next meeting of the Board. 2) There will be a new Major and a new Captain, Major Kurt Kendro and Captain Moana Heu.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. Chair Woods-Bateman acknowledged the work done by Major Ballard and openness and willingness to try and address issues in Kalihi Valley.
2. Member De Campo thanked HPD for taking care of parking issues on Nihi Street and raised concerns regarding the misuse of City property for illegal parking at Kamanaiki Street. The officer required a more specific address. The Chair suggested member De Campo look at a map. The officer suggested it may be Violet Street. Mr. Rodrigues suggested it was on Kalihi Street.
3. Member Bristol reported an accident on Kalihi Street just below Ukiuki Street where a van went over the retaining wall. Member Bristol also reported a couple walking with a baby buggy, who were suspiciously looking into people's houses and reportedly vandalizing property. Member Bristol also reported the couple had stolen some personal items that were recovered. No police report was filed.



The officer suggested calling 911 to report suspicious activity as soon as it happens, so HPD can act appropriately.

4. Chair Woods-Bateman inquired if anyone has started a neighborhood watch program. Sgt. Clark suggested checking with HPD's Neighborhood Watch Program to confirm.
5. Member Balatico reported a near accident involving an HPD patrol car, where the officer seemed to be unapologetic and left the scene. The Chair suggested calling the police at the time of accident, so it can be reported. Sgt. Joe suggested asking for a supervisor. The Chair suggested getting a report number to track the complaint.

The Chair thanked HPD for attending the meeting.

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD)- HFD was on call.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

1. The Chair asked that residents bring forth their concerns and explained that in order for the Board to discuss or act upon the complaint, it must be noticed on the agenda six days in advance.
2. Mr. Rodrigues reported high levels of water on Nihi and Murphy streets and requested the City take action to mitigate the problem.
3. Member Lisa Mitchell was informed by the Kaewai Alumni Association reported that the lights in the baseball field at Kalihi Valley District Park were not working properly, and the group was unable to hold a softball tournament.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 8, 2006 REGULAR MEETING:

Board member Koga moved and Board member Watland seconded that the motion to approve regular Board meeting minutes of February 8, 2006 with the following corrections:

Page 5 item 3 'lei sale' should read 'sausage sale'

Page 3 item 2 'was cleared should read 'will be cleared'

The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

1. Reported the lights in the baseball field were installed two years ago. They were tested and they seemed fine, and the contractor was released prematurely as the lights are too dim. A second light switch was also supposed to be installed inside the building, and the contract is being re-evaluated to fix the problem. The lights are still under warranty of the original contract.

2. The Chair is keeping an eye on the issues coming up in the Kalihi Valley and referring people to the proper agencies.
3. The Chair explained the reason for the feral pig issue being on the agenda as well as the 61,000 outstanding arrest warrants was based upon resident concerns about news articles on these two issues which have impact on our communities.
4. The outgoing Executive Secretary (ES) of the Neighborhood Commission was assigned by the administration to coordinate a meeting with various City Department regarding the S-Curve. The new ES will be responding to this issue.

FERAL PIG CONTROL ACTIVITIES:

1. Member Balatico reported children on her street bringing home a baby feral pig.
2. Mr. Dabis reported Representative Caldwell is working on legislation to address feral pig control. Mr. Dabis also reported six pigs were caught in the Woodlawn area with the use of cage traps. Any problems regarding feral pigs may be reported at 586-0166.
3. Mr. Dabis also explained the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) process for feral pig control activities and reported no problems in Kalihi Valley area.

CITY CHARTER PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS:

The Chair encouraged the public to testify at the Charter Commission hearings and announced two proposals that the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board is supporting. Information regarding City Charter Amendment Hearings may be found on the City website at www.honolulu.gov.

61,000 OUTSTANDING WARRANTS:

The Chair reported that the warrant system is not working. He reported complaints of people being cited with outstanding warrants who are not being arrested due to the breakdown in the system. Member Bristol asked if this problem was due to funding and if the Legislature is addressing it. The Chair was not sure, but he said the numbers are alarming and something needs to be done with regards to people circumventing the law or the warrant process. The Chair asked Senator Kim's assistant for the status of bill related to this matter.

HOMELESS LIKELIKE HIGHWAY:

The Chair reported that the no-trespassing signs have been posted, and no new complaints were reported.

LIKELIKE HIGHWAY ROAD SINKING AND SEPARATION INTO KUPEHAU PARK:

The Chair reported that no work has begun on the this problem area. Vice Chair Watland reported that a presentation was made in the February meeting, and there are no updates to date.

KALIHI STREET TASK FORCE:

The Chair reported that there has been no update or reports submitted to do a resolution to conduct a study of modified building standards for sidewalks in Kalihi Street. The report was to be completed by mid-November 2005. The report is needed from the task force in order to appropriate CIP funds to address the issue, and the Chair hopes for some resolution to this issue soon.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE—Ken Nakamatsu, Director of the City Department of Human Resources (DHR) distributed the report and highlighted the following:

1. The gravel dumped on Numana Road and the Numana Road bridge is being used for the current approved work (BP#589279) on TMK 1-4-009:028. It is being temporarily stored with owner's permission. No construction material was found at time of inspection on the Numana Road Bridge. (BP# 583548) was issued for the retaining wall work and grading permit, and GP.2005-07-0535 was issued for the site work. The building inspector acknowledged all current work being done as approved. Inspection was done on 2/9, but the City is unable to determine if trenching material was on complainant's property. Owner of abutting property (BP#583548) told to remove 5cy of material near complainant's property. To insure resolution, inspectors on 2/16, requested a meeting with Mary adjacent property owner. She had not responded. BP#589279 issued for new structure under construction at this site. Work is being done as approved. Inspector Ayau contacted Mr. Woods-Bateman and conveyed this information. (TMK 1-4-009:028).
2. In response to Vice Chair Watland's inquiry regarding a temporary patch for work being done on Kam IV Road and School Street mauka, inspection determined ongoing Board of Water Supply (BWS) waterline trench needs patching. This request was verbally referred to that agency.
3. Joan Manke, Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office and on behalf of the administration, is working with the various City departments who are continuing to do fact-finding regarding the S-Curve and a response will be made at subsequent meetings of the Board.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. Mr. Rodrigues reported that the City is reported to have purchased property for un-built bridge, now misused as parking site. The property should be reclaimed by City at streamside of Ahihi Street (Murphy Street side).

2. Vice Chair Watland reported a patch is still needed on roadway on Kam IV and School Street mauka. BWS had reportedly promised to resolve but repairs/patching has not been accomplished.
3. The Board is requesting that a representative from the Board be present at planned subsequent meetings pertaining to the S-Curve on Kalihi Street. A follow up meeting is being scheduled.
4. City is not enforcing ordinances (at Kawela Bay) which requires affordable housing as part of new construction projects.
5. Member Lisa Mitchell would like an update on signage for bikers along Kam IV Road.
6. Member Lisa Mitchell is requesting for an increase in service for the # 7 Bus on Sundays from every hour to every half-hour.

The Chair thanked Nakamatsu for his report.

COUNCILMEMBER TAM'S REPRESENTATIVE- Al Canopin distributed Councilmember Tam's report and highlighted the following:

1. Canopin is consolidating responses from DPP and will report regarding the S-Curve issue and will respond in the April meeting of the Board.
2. Legislative updates on bills concerning property taxes, driver's licensing, abandoned vehicles, and curbside recycling were provided in Councilmember Tam's newsletter.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. The Chair inquired about the possibility of Hawaiian Electric having funds available for under-grounding utilities in the Kalihi Valley area as part of their company's proposal to share in community improvement district undergrounding projects. The Chair will also discuss improvement guidelines with Canopin.
2. In response to Vice Chair Watland's question regarding the right of way (ROW) acquisition of property to address S-Curve issue, Canopin responded that he has not seen anything budgeted for any ROW acquisition. Furthermore the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) needs to assess the costs for the ROW acquisition before any decisions are made.
3. Member Mitchell thanked Canopin for the City's work with regards to Kukui Gardens and suggested the City address the homelessness issue with affordable housing. She announced FACE will be holding a meeting on March 11 at the Nuuanu Congregational Church off the Pali Hawaii from 9 to 11 am to address these issues.
4. The Chair asked for a report on the issue of lack of quorum and organization within June 2005 through February 2006 for the Kalihi Palama Neighborhood

Board 15. They have not been able to take any actions that impact their neighborhood board area as well as issues related or impactful to NHB #16.

The Chair thanked Canopin for his report.

COUNCILMEMBER CACHOLA'S REPRESENTATIVE—Dennis Galolo distributed the monthly report and highlighted the following:

1. In response to concerns raised by member Koga's concern regarding tree trimming, Peter Buck from Urban Forestry Division was contacted and no firm date has been set to trim trees.
2. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was needed to be submitted for the BIA construction of their new facility.
3. Mr. Dabis and Mr. Rodrigues of the Kalihi Boosters were recognized for their work in the community.

The Chair thanked Galolo for attending the meeting.

GOVERNOR LINDA LINGLE'S REPRESENTATIVE- Lisa Ginoza distributed the Governor's report and highlighted the following:

1. Kalihi Valley Nature Park is most likely to be zoned as conservation land. There is also a possibility it may be zoned as urban land. Vice Chair Watland thanked Ginoza for her response.
2. In response to concerns with regards to blue paint of the administration building of Kalihi Valley Homes (KVH), the blue paint was chosen by the manager and staff.
3. Kalihi Valley Homes is working with Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) to address infrastructure issues with regards to electrical work.
4. Ginoza updated on repair and maintenance of parks and common areas at KVH. HCDCH is also working to address repair and maintenance issues in order to fill the vacancies at KVH.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. The Chair inquired about the solar panels at KVH and what is the status of roof repairs at KVH. Ginoza will report on this at future meeting.
2. Vice Chair Watland clarified the status of repairs and maintenance at the different phases of KVH.
3. Vice Chair Watland asked if there is a way to modify standards for filling vacancies to speed up the process in order to meet high demands.

4. Member Lisa Mitchell asked about statistics of the vacancies and units being occupied at KVH. This information to be reported by Ginoza at upcoming meeting.

The Chair thanked Ginoza for attending the meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS ARAKAKI – Edgar Fernandez submitted a report and highlighted the following:

1. Bills that were passed out of the House Committee on Health. Some were not heard by other committees.
2. To check the status of bills, one can log on to the State Capitol website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.
3. Vice Chair Watland thanked Representative Arakaki for his work with universal health care.

The Chair thanked Fernandez for attending the meeting.

SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM—Maxine Shea distributed the Senator's report and highlighted the following:

1. Senator Kim introduced a resolution to audit HCDCH, which also addresses the vacancies at KVH.
2. An amendment to the bottle recycling policy bill, would retailers to provide redemption services, has passed the Senate.

The Chair thanked Shea for attending the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next meeting of the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board will be at 7 p.m. on April 12 at the Kalihi Valley District Park.
2. Member Lisa Mitchell thanked Hazel Murakami for her help with the recycling drive fundraiser.

ADJOURNMENT- Hearing no objections, Chair Woods-Bateman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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